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SUBJ: INSULTING PUBLICITY RE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH PRIME
MINISTER WILLIAMS

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1. I TALKED WITH FINANCE MINISTER CHAMBERS OVER THE WEEKEND REGARDING THE PUBLISHED ALLEGATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DISPLEASURE OVER MEETING WITH DR. WILLIAMS. CHAMBERS DISMISSED CHARGE AND SAID HE WAS QUITE AWARE FROM HAVING BEEN PRESENT THAT NO SUCH INCIDENT AS THAT DESCRIBED HAD OCCURRED. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A CLIPPING SENT TO HIM FROM LONDON WHICH WAS SIMILAR TO THE CHICAGO SUN-TIMES ARTICLE, BUT HE HAD DISMISSED IT AND FELT IT UNNECESSARY TO BOTHER ME WITH IT.

2. SEPARATELY, I HAVE SENT INFORMAL NOTE TO DR. WILLIAMS EXPRESSING REGRET THAT SUCH FALSE AND SCURRILOUS CHARGES SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE IN AN AMERICAN PUBLICATION, BUT NOTING THAT HE AND I ARE AWARE THAT THERE WAS NO TRUTH IN THE ALLEGATIONS.

3. I HAVE DECIDED FOR REASONS SIMILAR TO THOSE EXPRESSED IN DEPTTEL NOT PUBLICLY TO TAKE THIS ISSUE UP WITH THE PRESS
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HERE. IF WILLIAMS FEELS IT PRUDENT TO RESPOND TO THE

PUBLICITY, HE WILL BE ABLE TO USE MY LETTER TO HIM IN THAT
CONNECTION.
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